



## **Nutrition & Services For Seniors**

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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
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Postal Regulatory Commission  
RE: Docket Number: RM2017-3  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Every day, Nutrition & Services for Seniors is delivering life-sustaining services to thousands of frail elderly and disabled adults in Southeast Texas. In 2019, thousands of participants received direct services through a variety of services intended to promote independence and reduce isolation that can be brought about by aging and limited mobility.

- 402,014 home delivered meals were served to 2,067 homebound seniors and disabled adults in Jefferson and Hardin counties through our Meals on Wheels program.
- 69,012 meals were served at one of our 15 dining centers where clients visit for good food, fellowship and fun.
- 65,200 one-way passenger trips were provided for those in our community who are transit-reliant and without reliable transportation to and from life-sustaining services such as doctor appointments, grocery stores and dialysis.
- 100+ clients received pet food at no cost to ensure their pets are able to remain happy and healthy at home.
- 26 clients received life-sustaining home repairs after their homes were devastated by Hurricane Harvey.
- Thousands of other seniors and disabled neighbors received fresh produce from our 'Grow to Share' donation garden, grocery bags from our food pantry, shelf stable meals on non-delivery days and in the event of emergencies, Ensure at discounted rates and life-saving emergency response through our CareNet program.

Direct Mail is literally the fiscal essence of this organization, and has been for many years. A postage increase will mean we are unable to provide the current level of services, desperately needed in this region. We live in a small community and every dollar counts when it comes to taking care of those who can no longer take care of themselves. You will understand how even a cent or two at this volume makes a huge difference in the services we are able to offer people living alone and in isolation.

We desperately need your help and the help of the Postal Regulatory Commission to ensure costs are kept at a minimum so that we can continue serving frail elderly and disabled adults in dire need in Jefferson and Hardin counties. We simply cannot afford postage increases over the Consumer Price Index. I hope and pray we can count on you to understand and act on the importance of the CIP inflation cap on postage increases. Help us help the seniors in need in Southeast Texas.

Sincerely,



Janci Kimball  
President, CEO